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HEINSBURG TRAIL RIDE teamster Lionel Romanchuk and his passengers arrive at Middle Creek on Saturday during the eighth annual Heinsburg Trail Ride raising funds for Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society. This year's ride was smaller than some in the past, due to other commitments, but still brought out an eager group to enjoy the leisurely trek through gorgeous autumn scenery while supporting cancer victims across the area. More photos, Page 8.

Vicki Brooker photo

Council ties up unfinished business

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

Two items of unfinished business, one coming back to the Elk Point Town Council agenda on a regular basis since May, were tied up at last week's regular meeting, with financial constraints playing a role in both decisions.

Council first saw the details of the eScribe agenda and minutes software program in mid-May, and agreed at that time that they needed more information and comparisons before making a decision. The software was said to boost efficiency and would improve meeting management workflows, at a cost of \$1,700 for the balance of 2019 and \$3,500 per year in 2020 and 2021.

At the following meeting, administration was directed to conduct further research by contacting five similar-sized municipalities to find out what software they use and its cost.

Six municipalities were contacted, all of which are using the same software that Elk Point currently uses, and are pleased with the results. It was also determined that Elk Point has much larger agendas than the other towns, with the Sept. 9 agenda the smallest in many months, but still a similar size to the other towns' regular agendas.

Council agreed to receive the statistics as information, and to not consider a change of software at this time.

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Construction begins at new high school in Frog Lake

JANICE HUSER
 Review Contributor

Frog Lake First Nation celebrated a sod turning for a new high school on Sept. 6, a project that is being described as "state-of-the-art learning facility," according to a media release from the federal government.

The new school will address overcrowding and accommodate a growing student population in the First Nations community.

"An essential component of a student's education is having a safe and healthy place in which to learn. The Government of Canada is working in partnership with First Nation communities to build school facilities that help improve educational outcomes, and foster pride and cultural identity for First Nations students," reads a media release sent out on Sept. 6.

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SHOVELS IN THE GROUND - Frog Lake First Nations Chief Greg Desjarlais and council took part in a ground-breaking ceremony for their new state-of-the-art high school on Sept. 6.

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"Education is the key to our success . . .
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Frog Lake First Nations Chief Greg Desjarlais

FROG LAKE FIRST NATIONS Chief Greg Desjarlais, his council, elders and residents of all ages gathered to celebrate the momentous occasion which brings a new emphasis on education to Frog Lake.

Photo submitted

New school

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In the media release, Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Indigenous Services, congratulated Frog Lake First Nation on the sod turning for the new high school. The school will be a state-of-the-art learning facility and accommodate approximately 200 students.

The school is expected to open in September of 2021. The Government of Canada is investing \$15.7 million in the project.

When speaking to the St. Paul Journal about the project a few days after the sod turning, Frog Lake First Nation Chief Greg Desjarlais said, "We're turning a new page."

The chief noted that "education is the key to our success . . . it is our new buffalo." While the buffalo was once used to sustain First Nations communities across the prairies, that focus has now shifted to education. Among other things, the school will offer students the opportunity for land-based education, and will give them a place to better themselves, and set goals in

order to succeed.

"We are committed to closing the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, and we are working closely with First Nations partners to do so. I want to congratulate Chief Desjarlais, Frog Lake First Nation, and the current and future students who will benefit from this new school that will help give them the best possible start in life. Every student deserves to study in a clean, safe, and comfortable environment that will set them up for success now and in the future," said O'Regan, in the media release.

In the media release, Desjarlais said the community "is overwhelmed with happiness with the new school project. I would like to acknowledge all the different organizations who worked in collaboration. A special thank you to Indigenous Service Canada, the Frog Lake Education Authority, Manasc Issac, Krawford Construction, today's present leadership and past leaderships. You all played an integral role to make this project a reality."

The new high school will accommodate about 200 students and relieve the overcrowding pressures at the current school. The current school will become an ele-

mentary/junior high school to accommodate students from kindergarten to early junior high grades.

Currently, there are a number of Frog Lake students who attend Heinsburg Community School, which is part of the St. Paul School Division. Desjarlais noted that the construction of a new school will offer those students the opportunity to come back home to complete their secondary education, if they so choose.

The new high school will be built as an addition to the existing community recreation centre, which features a couple of large gymnasiums, a weight room and other recreation amenities. The chief explained that some thought and "green thinking" went into the project, and input was sought from students themselves. He noted that letting people in the community have a say in the project was important.

In addition to the new school, Indigenous Services Canada is also investing in the repair and renovation of the existing Chief Napeweaw Comprehensive School, which houses the younger children.

According to Desjarlais, construction of the new school was commencing immediately.

Town council

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Peace officer

Coun. Terri Hampson, who undertook an online poll regarding the need for a peace officer in Elk Point who would be able to issue tickets for bylaw infringement, said there has been "lots of conversation" but not much change in statistics since the last meeting.

"I don't think we're willing to move forward with this," she told council, putting forth a motion to discuss the matter again some time in the future, such as at a planning meeting. The motion was carried.

A motion at the August 12 meeting had tabled the decision on whether to move forward with the process until the upcoming budget meetings, but it was noted at that time that the cost of

hiring a peace officer could range from \$45,000 to \$100,000 per year.

Memorandum of Understanding

Council approved a memorandum of understanding with the County of St. Paul which Mayor Lorne Young said "formalizes the understanding between the town and county" when they work together on projects and maintenance such as roads and the municipal airport.

"It's just putting what's already in place on paper," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich noted.

Taxes roll in

Manager of Finance Mir Ali impressed council with the financial report on property taxes, with 88 per cent of current property taxes paid prior to the end of day on August 30 and more coming in since then bringing the total to more than 90 per cent.

Not all taxes from previous years

have been paid, however.

As of Aug. 30, there were four properties, including one commercial, one residential and two industrial, up for tax auction on Sept. 18. The properties were advertised in the Elk Point Review last week, although it was noted that this was not a requirement of the Municipal Government Act.

Final payment

The town has received word that the final payment of \$115,198.03 for the municipal airport's runway lighting project has been issued by Alberta Transportation under the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP).

Cleaning costly

When looking over the monthly financial statement, council noticed the cost of carpet cleaning for the front office and council chambers, and dis-

cussed if the town should look into a less costly to clean alternative, such as vinyl plank. It was decided to add this to the Public Works meeting agenda.

Prostate Cancer Month

Mayor Young proclaimed September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Elk Point. According to Prostate Cancer Canada, an average of 111 Canadian men die of the disease each day, with that rate roughly half what it was 25 years ago when that organization was formed.

Clarification needed

"No matter how clear the remuneration policy is, some items are still fuzzy," the mayor agreed, when a councillor suggested that time sheets could be brought to a council meeting in order to clarify what can and what cannot be charged. A motion was passed that this will be done, starting with the Sept. 23 meeting.



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Federal election called for Oct. 21

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The 43rd federal general election is currently underway and an election date has been set for Oct. 21, following the official announcement that was made on Sept. 11.

“Electors have many options to vote, including at their assigned polling station on election day . . . or during

advance polling days (Friday, October 11 to Monday, October 14),” according to Elections Canada. “They can also vote at any Elections Canada office across Canada or by mail.”

Elections Canada offices are now open in each of the 338 federal electoral districts. Electors can visit any Elections Canada office to get information, register, or vote.

For the Lakeland riding, which

encompasses the majority of the Journal’s readership area, the Elections Canada main office is located in Vegreville. Offices are also located in Athabasca and Bonnyville, according to the Elections Canada website.

The Lakeland riding begins along the Saskatchewan border, to the east, and includes Lloydminster, Vermilion, the Town of Bonnyville, Frog Lake, Glendon, St. Paul, Elk Point, Saddle Lake, Two Hills, Vegreville, Vilna, Smoky Lake, Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake, Athabasca, Lamont, Mundare, and many other communities in between.

So far, Conservative Party of Canada incumbent MP Shannon Stubbs has said she would be seeking re-election and is included in the CPC’s list of candidates on the party’s official website. People’s

Party of Canada candidate Alain Houle is also listed as a candidate for the Lakeland on that party’s website.

A candidate for the Libertarian Party of Canada, Robert McFadzean, has also been confirmed.

There is no Liberal Party of Canada candidate identified in the Lakeland Riding. There was also no NDP candidate listed on the party’s website, as of last week.

For the Green Party of Canada, candidate Elke Crosson is listed on the party’s official website for Lakeland.

The nomination process for candidates closes on Sept. 30, and a complete list of confirmed candidates will only be available from Elections Canada on Oct. 2.



Enrolment numbers appear to be up for St. Paul School Division

RUSHANTHI KESUNATHAN
Review Contributor

After a brief summer hiatus, regular monthly school board meetings have started up again, with a St. Paul School Division meeting taking place on Sept. 11. One of the items discussed last week was the division’s enrolment as the 2019-20 school year begins.

The division is up 90 students from projections, heard the board. However, that is only an increase of 28 students from last year’s Sept. 30 count.

The division’s current enrolment is at 3,765 students. This number does not include Outreach students.

Superintendent Glen Brodziak said the number will fluctuate now until Sept. 30 but adds the numbers are quite promising.

Last June, one teacher was added to St. Paul Elementary as one class has over 30 students “and at that level, that doesn’t work for us,” Brodziak said. The division has focused on keeping class sizes below provincial average.

Nutrition Grant
In his superintendent’s

report, Brodziak said the Nutrition Grant has been renewed for the 2019-20 school year. The division will receive \$335,000 for its breakfast programs.

During the August board meeting, Brodziak had noted that there was still uncertainty around the grant, so schools had scaled back on the programs being offered, while still ensuring that no student was left hungry. (Continued on Page 6)

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EDITORIAL

Accentuate the positive

One week in to the Federal Election campaign, many of us have already heard enough about the shortcomings of past leaders and their parties. Now, before we can make an informed decision regarding which box to mark on that Oct. 21 ballot, we need to hear what those who are seeking election, and the parties they represent, will do for us.

Name calling and trying to out shout each other is bad enough on the school playground, where it is strongly discouraged, but among adults trying to win our approval, it is definitely, as the cartoon next door says, off-putting.

Don't tell us what you hate about the other candidate and that candidate's party, past and present. Don't bring up what their leaders of the past did to harm the country, however long-lasting the effects of their decision.

It's a time to look forward to new decisions, new progress and a new and better future, so tell us how you are going to work toward and accomplish that.

The past, however grim, cannot be erased. The future is yours to write a new and improved chapter in this country's history.

RECREATION CORNER

There's still time to join winter sports groups

CRISTIN TCHIR

Recreation Coordinator

Did you get a chance to attend this year's Community Information Night? The Allied Arts center was packed with clubs and organizations. If you're like me and have school aged children, you're looking into hockey registration, skating etc., something to keep the kids busy and entertained as we wait for winter to pass.

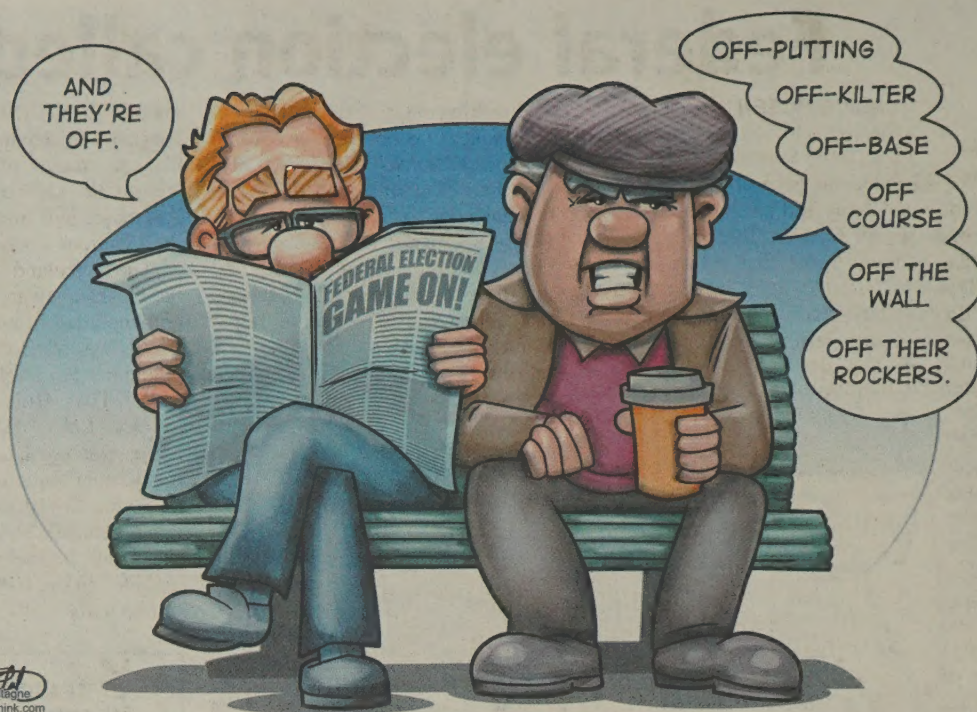
A few clubs to mention are the Skating Club, they're still taking registration, and you can contact Kelly Radcliff 780-645-1022 or Melissa Skarsen 780-205-1477 for more information and to sign up. If you have a little one you can join for one day a week, great way to introduce them to the ice!

Minor Hockey has a program for newcomers, you can sign up for \$50, equipment is provided, try it out for a month or so and see if it's a fit for your family. If your kid loves it, you pay the remainder of the registration. For more information visit www.elkpointminiorhockey.com.

Another hockey option is Pond Hockey, AKA fun hockey, practices are Friday evenings and games are limited, so if you don't want a big commitment, pond hockey is for you! Contact Connie Henderson for more information 780-573-8719.

I can't leave out the Curling Club, they will practice again on Monday nights and grades 7 and up will curl in league Wednesday nights. You can check out their Facebook page, Elk Point Curling Club, or contact Joanne Warawa 780-614-7398 for all the details.

Joining a club or an organization is more than just fun for your kids, they develop skills like commitment, leadership, communication, and discipline etc. Good enough reason for me to get my kids involved. See you at the rink!



WAY BACK WHEN...

Lots go on stream, Further Ed's new home, tourism increase

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1984

Forty-eight residential lots with a \$16,500 price tag went on stream in the new residential subdivision on Elk Point's north side, with subdivision developer, Mughal Homes planning an early start on a show home in addition to the motel, restaurant and lounge complex already underway. Ed Soldan, Pearl Bepalko and Blaine McLaughlin were named the 1984 champions in the men's, ladies' and youth divisions at the Elk Point Golf Club's year-end tournament.

1989

MP Deborah Grey cut the ceremonial ribbon at the official opening of Elk Point Further Education's new home with the assistance of Further Ed Council chair Jim Hawkins, vice chair Laverne Wilson, charter member Anne Kates and Advanced Education representative Rollie Saville. An "absolutely phenomenal" 88.1 per cent of the town's taxes had been paid to date, administrator Pat Vincent told council.

1994

Town council was concerned with vandalism at the recreation park after fire damaged the gazebo, Mayor Ed Buck saying the park might have to be closed because "we can't afford to keep repairing the damage." Elk Point Chamber of Commerce ended the summer with a 10 per cent increase in tourism reported.

1999

Twenty-five years after the dedication of the RCMP statue, Elk Point's Community Advisory Policing Committee learned about its history and posed with it following their first meeting of the new season. The County of St. Paul stopped burying oily waste sand

in roadbed construction, despite tests by the Alberta Energy Utilities Board that confirmed the waste sand was harmless to use in that application.

2004

Four generations gathered to celebrate Grandparents Day, with Mayor Lyle Frisby telling the crowd, "It's a special, special thing to be a grandparent," and a fund-raising walk raising just pennies less than \$3,000 for Alberta Council on Aging projects and to assist with expenses at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre.

2009

Eighty-six-year-old great-grandmother Peggy Maas accepted the award for raising the most money, a total of \$1,540, for the Grandparents' Day walk, with a grand total of \$5,918 raised for local and international charities. County council tabled a decision regarding support for the Elk Point EcoCentre project, after hearing a presentation by Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Sandy Smith.

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Mayor Parrish Tung told town council last week that "around 20 people" are interested in becoming part of the new Citizens on Patrol Society (COPS) program in Elk Point. "We have the application forms ready, and they will be distributed, the people will fill them out and take them to the RCMP."



GRANDPARENTS' DAY Walk's top fundraiser, Peggy Maas, along with several generations of her family, led the walk down 50 Ave., escorted by Committee member Diana Anderson (right).

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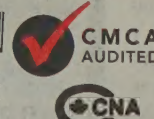
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Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee officially has both a new chairperson and a new secretary-treasurer, following the resignation of Margaret Modin, who has filled the secretary-treasurer position for some years. Dwayne Yaremkevich has been filling as chair at most meetings since Dwight Dach decided not to seek reelection for another County of St. Paul Council term last autumn, and accepted the post on a permanent basis at last week's meeting, with Josh Bateman taking over the secretary-treasurer role.

This was the first meeting after the summer break, and the representatives of member groups present gave updates on current activities and concerns.

Levina Ewasiuk reported that Elk Point seniors activities have resumed, with coffee and cards several mornings a week, floor curling underway and whist coming soon. The seniors she has spoken to are concerned about break-ins, but some are still reluctant to call police when they see suspicious activity.

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch president Orest Sereda said last June's Farmers' Day Barbecue was a success, but the group was unable to put their float in the Canada Day parade because no one was available to tow the float to town. Some of the members attended the 'No More Mr. Nice Guy' presentation. Lakeland has made a donation toward next year's provincial conference. The next Rural Crime Watch meeting is slated for Thursday, Sept. 19 in the County of St. Paul basement at 7 p.m. MLA Dave Hanson has confirmed his attendance, and the new Fish and Wildlife officer hopes to attend.

Bateman reported on behalf of both the Elk Point Fire Department and the Baptist Church. The Fire Department has had a fairly slow August, with only two calls, after answering 90 calls between Jan. 1 and the beginning of August, and a lot of training going on, including one in medical care for first

responders, which he said "will help us to be able to look after victims until the ambulance gets there." Sirens sounded on the morning of Sept. 11 as the department held a brief memorial for the first responders who were victims of 9-11 in 2001. The department has added a Junior Firefighters program for ages 14 to 17, and has two young people who join in their practices.

The Baptist Church has had another shed break-in, leaving no evidence but the broken lock.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce had no policing concerns to report, but is now questioning the validity of holding the Christmas Extravaganza when businesses are reluctant to get involved.

Division 2 Coun. Kevin Wirsta said the County of St. Paul has had a great summer construction wise, with crews able to get a lot done despite the weather. County council is busy with strategic planning, and will meet with the RCMP at the Rural Municipalities Association convention. There is a webinar on RCMP funding that indicates the cost could be downloaded to municipalities. He feels there could be big changes in the budget, "and it would cost \$2.5 million to support what we have now." The county gave out three scholarships, those going to Sam Urquhart, Kiristina Kotowich and Ethan Briggs. Campgrounds are now closed after their first summer of booking on line, which worked well. A total of 175 people attended the County of St. Paul and Elk Point Information Night.

Elaine Ziomek of Elk Point Elementary and Melanie Murtha from F. G. Miller said students are getting "back in the swing of things," with enrolment down at EPE but consistent at the high school, where volleyball, golf and cross-country are underway.

Yaremkevich reported on behalf of the Town of Elk Point and said the town has received a written complaint regarding speeding. Council is contemplating photo radar and had considered a peace officer position, "but the cost is horrendous."

RCMP look for suspect following armed robbery

JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

A situation in Elk Point had some of the community on high alert over the lunch hour, Thursday.

At about noon on Sept. 12, Elk Point RCMP responded to an armed robbery at the Elk Point RV Motel.

"A lone male suspect entered the motel in disguise and brandished what was believed to be a mace and a knife. The suspect then fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money," reads a media release sent out Thursday afternoon.

As a precaution, police requested three schools go into hold and secure procedures until it was determined the suspect was no longer in the area.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male, about six feet tall, wearing blue jeans and a blue sweater.

According to St. Paul School Division, at about 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 12, RCMP advised the Elk Point schools of a situation off school property that required them to go into what is described as a "hold and secure."

According to a letter that was being sent home with parents Thursday, "This means all outside doors were locked and monitored, and all students were kept inside the building. Regular classroom activities continued to occur during this time."

Superintendent Glen Brodziak confirmed the incident and provided the letter to the St. Paul Journal, that afternoon.

At 12:50 p.m., RCMP informed the division that the "hold and secure" was lifted and there was no further safety risk to students and staff.

"The safety and well-being of students and staff is a top priority for us at all times, and please know in accordance with our protocol, we always fully cooperate with local RCMP. As parents, we always want information about things affecting our children. Please know that as a division we are committed at all times to provide the most accurate and timely information possible, but at the same time, we must refrain from engaging in speculation or sending out information which could possibly be false or inaccurate."

Police are asking anyone with information regarding this incident or the male suspect to contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or their local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com

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HIGHLIGHTS

September 10, 2019 Council Meeting

Road Ban on Township Road 590 - There is a 75% Road Ban on TWP 590 from Hwy 36 to Secondary Road 881, which means that only vehicles with a 75% axle rate are permitted on the road. This past summer, the County made significant improvements to this section of TWP 590. Weight in excess of 75% is detrimental to the road and the County would like to preserve this road for as long as possible. The Road Ban will be in effect until frozen road conditions occur and will be in place again as of March 2020.

The County is aware that harvest season coming up. We would, however, appreciate the cooperation of the public. Information on when the Road Ban will be lifted will be posted on the County's website and Facebook page.

Water Meter Replacement for Mallaig, Ashmont and Lottie Lake - The County is replacing water meters in all homes and facilities bringing our system up to date. Meter replacement will be done at no cost to the resident. If your water meter has not been replaced since May of this year, residents are asked to contact Paulette at 780-645-3301, ext 206 or pmudryk@county.stpaul.ab.ca to schedule an appointment. Most meters can be replaced in 15 minutes.

Website - The County of St. Paul has a new Website and staff continue to update the information to enhance the site. If you are searching for information but cannot find it on the website, please contact the County Office.

Year-Round Burn Permits - Just a reminder that year-round burn permits are required for all types of open burning. Permits are issued for 10 days at a time and can be obtained by contacting the County Office. Residents are reminded that there is a minimum penalty of \$450 to burn without a permit.

LRA Rodeo Supper - The County served 830 plates at the rodeo supper. Proceeds from the supper went to the Mallaig and Ag Society. The group collected \$2640.

MLA David Hanson met with Council to discuss several items including upgrading of local highways, mowing and weed control along local highways and funding for 2019 STIP and MSI Grants. Council also discussed the Red Tape Reduction Act. Administration will be preparing a submission on repairing and maintaining existing boat launches, water act approvals and First Nations Consultations when upgrading roads.

Funding Support:

- \$150 - Terry Fox Run
- \$200 - Heritage Lodge Auxiliary Grandparents Day Walk
- \$500 - St. Paul Karate-Do Host Inter Provincial Championship
- \$1,000 - Regional High School to Host Provincial Girls Volleyball

For more information contact

Tim Mahdiuk, Interim CAO, County of St. Paul

At 780-645-3301, ext. 208

Byelection to fill vacant school board seat

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St. Paul School Division will hold a byelection on Nov. 12 to fill one of the vacant seats left open following the resignation of two trustees earlier this year. The byelection will be held in Subdivision D. The vacant seat for subdivision B will not be filled. According to legislation, at least one seat must be filled, reads a media release from the school division sent out on Sept. 12.

"As the Board is considering a complete review of its electoral ward distribution, it felt it would be prudent to just fill the one seat rather than elect a new trustee for a seat that may not be there in the next general election," reads the media release.

"The region has seen many changes since its original structure was established in 1995," said Board Chair Heather Starosielski, in the release. "Given the current financial picture, it is a good time to examine governance makeup."

Trustees Ruven Rajoo and Lorne Young will cover subdivision B on an interim basis, according to the release.

Additionally, any changes made to the overall ward structure will not be effective until the next general election scheduled for October of 2021.

Nominations for the upcoming byelection will be accepted until noon on Oct. 1.

According to Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne, one thing that's slightly different now is the nomination process.

Prior to the most recent changes to the Local Authorities Election Act, there was only one nomination day and that would have been the only day to bring in nominations, he said.

"Now they've changed the process where effectively nominations are open the day after the nomination resolution has passed up until the nomination deadline," Champagne said.

The November byelection could cost anywhere between \$3,000 and \$6,000, he says.

Adding, there are a lot of variables. For example, if the board only gets one candidate putting his or her name forward, it would just be advertising costs.

Subdivision D splits the Town of St. Paul along Highway 29 and extends south to Highway 646. The ward goes east toward St. Edouard, and west toward Foisy.

Anyone interested in putting his or her name forward is asked to call the school board office

No reduction on firefighting fees

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Two summer residents of Lac Santé attended last Tuesday's County of St. Paul council meeting in hopes of convincing councilors to reconsider the cost of two separate fire calls to their property in May. However, their plea for a cost reduction was denied by council on the grounds the invoice was already almost half of what the actual cost should be.

On May 12, a 911 call from a concerned resident in the area resulted in a three-unit fire crew being dispatched to an unattended brush pile burning at the property. The fire was extinguished, and the property owners were not on site. A second call for a fire crew to respond to the same location occurred on May 18, according to information in a letter from Dennis Bergheim, acting director of Community Services, to property owner Ron Lanferman.

"Earlier in the day the fire chief received a call from the RCMP indicating that they received a complaint on someone burning during a fire restriction that was put on due to the dry conditions."

Bergheim noted in the letter that the full cost for the two calls and the fact that no fire permit has been originally issued was \$4,950. He stated the county had chosen to reduce the fee to \$2,130 as it didn't charge the \$615 hourly rate for all the fire units that did respond each time.

David Beck and Lanferman expressed hope that council would see their side of things, especially since they were never contacted by the fire department or the county after the first fire was extinguished on May 12. They questioned why that had not occurred and expressed if they had been contacted, the second incident would never have occurred. They also stated they were not aware that a fire ban was in place at the time.

"I certainly understand that on paper what happened

doesn't look good," Beck said. "We weren't aware that the fire department had responded (the first time) until the next week."

Beck went on to say the fire was "not a large fire with out of control flames," saying they were cleaning up a brush pile and believed they had extinguished it when they left the property before the first fire call was made. He went on to say there would never have been a need for a return trip to the property the second time if they had initially been contacted by the fire department and had been informed there was an issue.

Deputy Fire Chief Henry Thomson was on hand at the meeting and said when the fire crew arrived onsite May 12, there was no open flame, but it was smoldering, and the crew put 350 gallons of water on it.

"There was no permit pulled on that fire," he said, also noting no property owner was present. He reiterated that "all open fires need to be completely extinguished."

"If someone has been on our property, especially the fire department, why would we not know about it," Lanferman questioned.

The two men were present the second time the fire crew responded to the property and in information provided in a letter to council, Beck noted, "We did have a pile of soil and mulch that was slowly smoldering throughout that afternoon . . . When the first two officers showed up that evening, they actually had a debate amongst two of them whether or not any action was required at all . . ."

"Council hears your frustration, but we have a policy in place," Deputy Reeve Maxine Fodness said, noting information on the requirements for fire permits and restrictions of fire bans is readily available to property owners in the county. She also noted that the invoice was "already cut in half."

Council denied the request to reduce the fee any further.

Enrolment

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Breakfast programs exist at all of the division's schools, and were in place prior to the Nutrition Grant being introduced under the former NDP government.

Audit Committee

A newly implemented Education Act, which came into effect Sept. 1, requires that the school board's audit committee include a member from a business community and a member of the adult learning community.

According to the board highlights sent out after last week's meeting, the implementation has been deferred until the year 2020.

"Given the short time frame of when our audit needs to be completed by (Nov. 30) and the concern of finding and preparing two outside committee members, administration has verified that we can defer this implementation until 2020," according to the board highlights.

Education Act and Regulations

Trustees discussed a letter emailed to Board Members by Curtis Clarke, Deputy Minister of Education in regards to the standardization of jurisdiction names.

In his letter, Clarke writes the department has received questions on what exactly this means for branding and signage.

"I want to be clear that with this change jurisdictions will continue to have flexibility on the name they choose to use on letterhead, signs and other branding. This means school divisions can continue to refer to themselves as "Public" or "Catholic" boards as part of the branding. It also means signs and letterhead do not need to be changed," Clarke said in his letter.

The new Education Act, officially changed all school boards to "divisions" therefore, the name St.

Paul School Division will be used for all future legal purposes.

School Fee Changes

There will be no significant changes to school fees for the 2019-20 school year.

Additionally, school divisions will no longer need permission from the ministry for school fees as long as they meet regulations.

"The board is not anticipating any major changes . . . but we could see changes for the next school year," said Heather Starosielski, board chair.

Blue Ribbon Panel Report

Trustees discussed and heard a review of the Blue Ribbon panel report.

Brodziak called the some of the report's findings "concerning." Trustees also expressed concerns with the panel recommendation to link performance measures with funding.

According to the media release, the claimed per cent of spending on governance and administration seems inflated in the report due to the inclusion of transportation, plant operations and maintenance. The St. Paul School Division spends 4.2 per cent on administration and governance, not 24.6 per cent as reported in the report.

"We serve all students, and those that are vulnerable should not be penalized for their level of achievement in the classroom," reads the board highlights.

According to the August 2019 Report and Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Alberta's Finances, "The Panel recommends that government work with education stakeholders to decrease the percentage of government funding that goes to administration and governance (currently 24.6 per cent) to a level comparable to British Columbia (17 per cent)."

ATA Participation

The ATA Local will continue to attend regular board meetings for the 2019-20 school year.

ATA representative Connie Landsiedel thanked the Board for inviting the ATA to meetings and said it is good to get information first hand. A motion to share half-day substitute cost with the board was passed.

Out of Province Field trip

The Board of Trustees passed a motion on Heinsburg Community School's request that students be able to attend an out of province field trip to Saskatoon, Sask., to attend a Students Against Drinking and Driving (SADD) event on Oct. 18.

Superintendent's Report

The School Division Pow Wow has been postponed to spring 2020 due to poor weather, reported Brodziak. He also noted that Oct. 4 is Smile Day, and plans for Orange Shirt Day now are underway.

Additionally, Alberta Education representatives are expected to tour New Myram School, CTEC, and St. Paul Elementary School on Sept. 24.

As of Aug. 29, the ban on seclusion rooms is no longer in effect to schools operated by public or separate school jurisdictions, Brodziak said. Adding, that the St. Paul School Division does not have any seclusion rooms.

Financial Report

The Board reflected on positive enrolment numbers. However, the provincial budget is still unavailable, as well as the status of many grants.

The interim audit has been completed and the year-end audit is planned for October with a presentation to the Board of Trustees to follow on Nov. 27.

Capital Projects

Administration provided a report on summer IMR projects. Two Hills Mennonite School remedial work on sidewalks is underway.

Pending an agreement between the province and receiver, exterior work at Ashmont School is still on hold.



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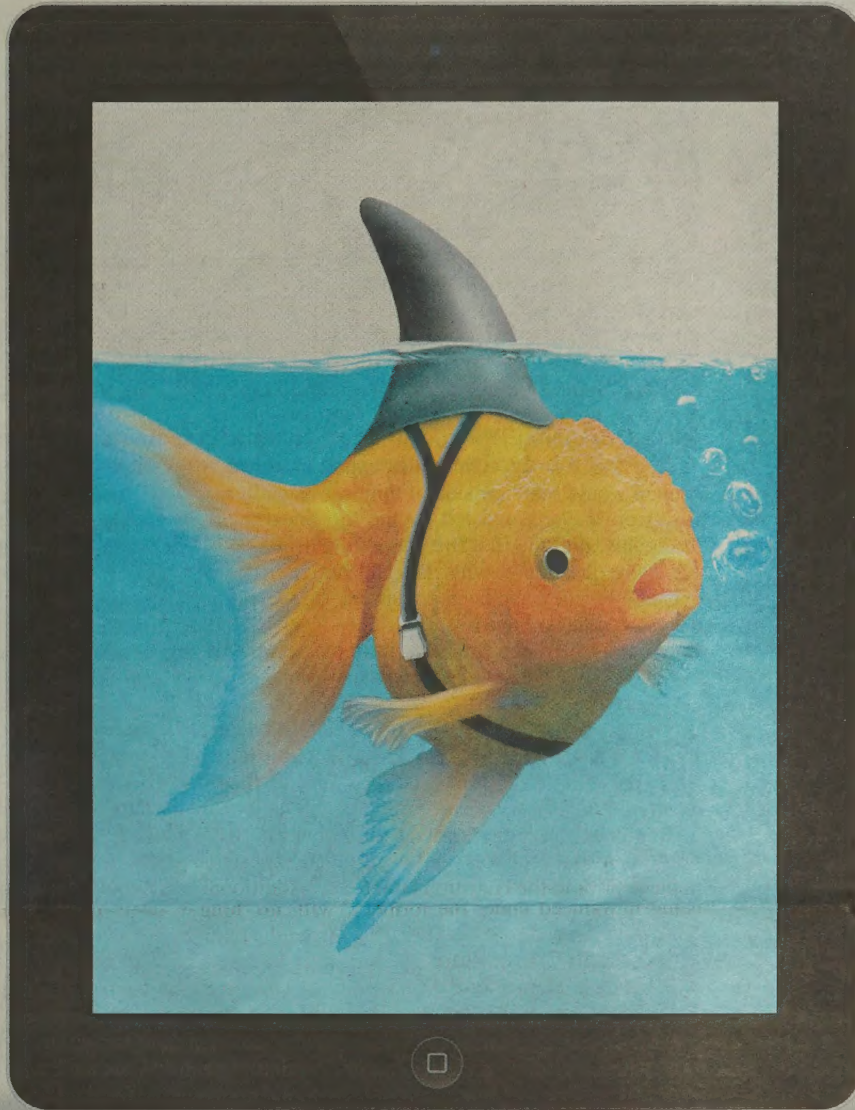
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Closed door meeting between CNRL and County

CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

A large delegation from Canadian Natural Resources spent some quality time behind closed doors with the County of St. Paul last Tuesday during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Doors were closed to the public for about an hour as councilors met with company representatives, with both sides saying nothing about the purpose of the meeting when the delegation emerged from council chambers.

Tim Mahdiuk, acting CAO for the county, said the in camera session was held as per Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIP) because financial information was being disclosed.

Section 16 allows for "a mandatory exception for information which, if disclosed, would reveal certain types of third party business information supplied in confidence, and could also result in one or more specified harms."

When council reconvened its public meeting, council approved a motion "to defer the request to strategic planning." No information was disclosed as to what the CNRL request was.

MLA meets with council

County council had some face to face time with Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul MLA Dave Hanson during their meeting but if they were hoping for some concrete answers to some outstanding issues, Hanson was unable to provide them. With the provincial budget still not presented and not expected to be until later next month, funding to municipalities and grant programs are still unknown.

However, on the subject of reducing red tape and speeding up the process on approvals for municipal projects, Hanson put the ball back in the county's court asking them for specific challenges they face in regard to provincial regulations stalling projects and also to provide solutions to speeding up the process.

Water Act approvals specific to boat docks was identified by Public Works Manager Bryan Bepalko as a particular sore spot. "It takes minimum of a year to get the go ahead," he said, even for the smallest of repairs on existing structures. He said the additional cost of having to jump through all the hoops can quickly add up to a \$300,000 tab "on a job we could do in three days."

Hanson was asked by council about the upgrading of local highways, updates on 2019 grants, mowing and weed control along highways, taxation exemption for industrial properties, NEEDS Study for housing facilities for MD Foundation and a tree issue on private property at the Elk Point airport.

Hanson said highways 881, 29, 55 and 28 are all on the needs list as far as highway improvements go, but it's a wait and see situation as to how long it will be before these highways make it to the minister's priority list.

"I'm trying to get (Ric) McIver up here to do a tour," Hanson told council, adding he's been stressing this region's important royalty contributions to his colleagues in government.

Coun. Laurent Amyotte questioned what was happening with a NEEDS study for seniors housing facilities in the area. Amyotte said it was his understanding the MD Foundation had been approved but that approval has since been pulled.

"The problem we have is some communities have waiting lists and some have vacancies," Horner said of the senior housing issue. "The County of Two Hills is struggling because they only have 60 per cent occupancy."

Questioned about possible taxation exemption for some industrial properties, Hanson said he would need to look into that further but from what he understands it is specific to "shallow gas" properties.

Mowing and weed control along provincial highways has been curtailed as part of the government's restraint program this year and could be further reduced in 2020. Dennis Bergheim, acting director of Community Services, noted mowing needs to start a month earlier, before the weeds go to seed and become a problem for the county.

"If the government can't take care of their right of ways, then we have some problems with ours," Bergheim said.

CAO Tim Mahdiuk asked about a possible 75/25 per cent provincial/municipal split on policing for rural municipalities. Currently, the county does not pay for policing costs and if this does come into play, Mahdiuk expressed the concern that it could mean "significant dollars to budget for and we need to prepare ourselves."

"I don't have an answer," Hanson said in response. He said until the budget rolls out in the third week of October, there are a lot of unknowns.

No to leachate

It was a resounding 'no' from county council to a proposal to accept leachate from the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Facility at the Ashmont Wastewater Lagoon following a presentation by Dr. Joanne Quarmby, a water and wastewater specialist with Urban Systems.

Quarmby provided council with a wastewater 101 information session, delving into the myriad of scientific reasoning that does not support the county accepting leachate into the lagoon.

Among other things, Quarmby said accepting the leachate would potentially compromise the lagoon functioning, capacity, odour, and the level of toxicity of effluent which is discharged into Batty Lake. Quarmby went so far as to suggest such a move could change the freshwater lake "into a sewage lagoon" and ground water and wells could potentially be impacted.

Additionally, the lagoon sludge which is currently applied to fields may instead have to be taken to a toxic waste facility for disposal due to elevated levels of metals.

All of that was enough for council to accept administration's recommendation that it not accept the Evergreen leachate.

Railway Ave Sale

It's been a long, drawn out process but the county council approved a motion to proceed with the subdivision and sale of Railway Avenue in Mallaig to adjacent landowners, pending confirmation that the landowners who have not formally responded are also in agreement.

In a letter to adjacent landowners in July, the county asked for the landowner's commitment to purchase the lands which will also include the cost of surveying the property and legal fees associated as a trust account has to be established for the sale.

Coun. Amyotte said, "As far as I know, everyone is on board."

The land was acquired by the county from N.E. Muni Corr last fall to correct the encroachment of Railway Avenue.

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Thank you

Erna, Roberta, Tim, and Audrey would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us during the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Tom Holliday.

We very much appreciate the lovely flowers, delicious food, charitable donations, visits, and the countless cards, emails, phone calls, and online condolences.

We are grateful for the medical care Tom received over the past several years, and particularly the past seven months. Special thanks to the physicians and staff of Elk Point Hospital and Home Care for their care.

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Iron Horse Ultra 100 race set to challenge athletes

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A race aimed at challenging and testing athletes is again set to take place in the area.

The Iron Horse Ultra 100 will take place on Oct. 5, winding its way from St. Paul, past Elk Point, with some racers going as far as Lindbergh, and then back to St. Paul. The race, which is part of the Alberta Ultra Series, will start at 7 a.m. on Oct. 5 at Reunion Station.

Spokesperson Ben Poulin calls the race a "bit of a draw for the town."

"Every year, the race brings people from all over Alberta and Canada, even from New Zealand," he said.

The race encourages a healthier culture by getting people out and active, which will hopefully catch up and benefit economically and socially, Poulin added.

Now in its 11th year, participants can register in either teams or soloists for the 100 km or 100 mile race. There is a 20-hour time limit set to complete the 100 km race, while the 100 mile race has a time limit of 27 hours to complete.

Teams of five may register for the 100 km race, doing the course in legs rather than tackling the entire 100 km on their own; and teams of eight can

register for the 100 mile race.

Every racer who finishes the run will be awarded a handmade pottery medal, said Poulin, however "finishing" is the win.

The race route will showcase the towns of St. Paul and Elk Point while also covering the beautiful farmlands, lake shores and riverside of the County of St. Paul, according to the Iron Horse Ultra's Facebook page.

And while drawing in athletes to take part in the race is important, organizers are also hopeful to get a few more volunteers involved to help pull the event together. Volunteers who are willing to help throughout the late night hours are especially needed.

Some volunteers are needed to help along the route, ensuring athletes are safe at aid stations set up along the route. Help is also needed on Sunday from people who enjoy walking, to pick up flags along the route.

Volunteers who are interested in helping out can contact Monique Poulin at 780-645-4044 or by email at ironhorseultra@gmail.com

Those interested in registering for the race can still sign up online via <https://www.ironhorseultra.com/>

The last day to register for the race is Sept. 25.



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Amos Reimer has filed application BA19020 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain a registration to construct a new confined feeding operation (CFO) on the NE 31-55-6 W4M in the County of St. Paul Alberta. The application is to construct a new poultry barn (73.2 m x 15.2 m) to house 17,500 chicken broilers, and to construct a new solid manure storage pad (15.2 m x 9.1 m).

Filing a Statement

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a statement of concern to the NRCB. The statement of concern must be received by the NRCB on or before October 16, 2019. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. A copy of the statement of concern will be sent to the applicant for review and comment. Statements submitted regarding the application are public records.

Your statement of concern should include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, fax number, email address, and a detailed summary that describes how you would be directly affected by this application. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca.

Failure to submit a statement of concern may affect your rights to apply for an NRCB review.

Viewing the Application

A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed on line at www.nrcb.ca or during regular business hours at the Morinville office of the NRCB until October 16, 2019. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Julie Wright, Approval Officer
Provincial Building,
201, 10008 - 107 Street
Morinville AB T8R 1L3
Julie.Wright@nrcb.ca
T 780-939-1173 F 780-939-3194

The closing date for submissions:

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